

United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Stacy Friedrich **Sr. Choir Director**

December 17, 2023 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Royce Everett & Sophie Miller

Welcome and Announcements

*Processional Hymn No. 121 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Call to Worship: JOY (*Please remain seated*)

Advent Reading: JOY (from Exodus)

Leader: Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent
wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE.

Lighting of The Candles of HOPE and PEACE

Leader: Now we light the third candle of Advent. The pink candle.
This is the candle of JOY.

Lighting of The Candle of JOY.

Leader: As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy
builds with our anticipation of his birth. From the book of
Isaiah, we read the words of our Lord:

Congregation: **“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am
creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.”**

Leader: From the New Testament, the words of Paul to the people
of the church at Galatia:

Congregation: **“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.”**

*Prayer of the Day

We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise No. 493 “Gloria Patri” (*Glory be to the Father*)

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children **“This Little Light of Mine”**

p. 466-sing first verse twice

Children’s Time

Carla Clennin

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

*Response “*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

*Prayer of Dedication

Sr. Choir Christmas Cantata ~ *A New and Glorious Morn!*

Narrators: Allan Mortenson and Kendra Hall ~ Accompanist: Ellen Ash

Come, Adore the Newborn King

Prepare for the Coming of the Lord

The Promised King of Heaven

Holy Child of Bethlehem

All Glory Be to God on High!

Rise Up, Shepherd, Go Tell It!

A Holy, Silent Night

Arise and Shine, Your Light Has Come!

*Hymn No. 128 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – “**Go in Love**”

Go in love, have no fear.

God will guide you, He is always near.

Go in love, take His hand.

God will hear you, He will understand.

May His light forever shine upon you;

May His peace be always in your heart.

Go in love, face each day.

God will lead you, He will show the way.

Go in love, and live in faith. Amen.

*Postlude

Activities Calendar: December 17, 2023 ~ December 24, 2023

Sunday, December 17, 2023, Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Cantata

7:00 p.m. – Salem’s Christmas Program

Monday, December 18, 2023

5:00 p.m. – Brotherhood Caroling

6:30 p.m. – GriefShare

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

12:00 p.m. - Women’s Guild at Linda Schnieder’s home

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, God’s Singers/Christmas Program Practice

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School- Cookies and Carols

10:30 a.m. – Worship

4:30 p.m.- Salem Christmas Service

7:00 p.m.- UCC Christmas Program

Looking ahead.....Monday, December 25th Worship- 10:00 a.m. Communion

<p>January Tidings News due by December 21st</p>
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Thank you to the **Nichols Family** for leading the
Advent Call to Worship this morning.

Holiday Break

**No Wednesday Night Meals for
Dec. 20th, Dec. 27th and Jan. 3rd.**

They will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 10th, 2024

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Confirmands:

**Kalyn Carlock, Aubrey Davis, Emma Kissick, Khloe Mortenson
and Brooks Nichols**

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Beth Rohrbach

Jo Suggs Judy Kilmer

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & the late Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell,
KY*)

Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO*)

Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army - Europe*)

Dylan Ash (*son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA*)

Hayden Grant (*grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Okinawa, Japan*)

Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Reserves, VA*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey, CA*)

Brett Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Elmendorf, AK*)

Damion Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany*)

Salem UCC
Christmas Program
Tonight, December 17th ~ 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the Sounds of Joy

Thank You!!! Thank You!!

We have the most amazing and giving church family! Thanks to everyone who took Angels from the Angel Tree, your generosity was overwhelming!
Carole and Carla

Food Drive

For the month of December, the community Churches are collecting food for the local Food Pantry. All canned food is welcome, but they are short on green beans, corn, peanut butter, and peas. There are boxes in the foyer area downstairs to place your food items. As you shop this month, consider picking up one or two extra items for those in need.

Annual Meeting scheduled for
Sunday, January 28, 2024

Annual Reports for Committees & Organizations are due in the Church Office by December 29, 2023.

Financial reports are due by January 5, 2024.

Offering envelopes for 2024 are in the back of the sanctuary for pickup. If there is not a box with your name and you want one, please let the church office know.

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Reagan Cain**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

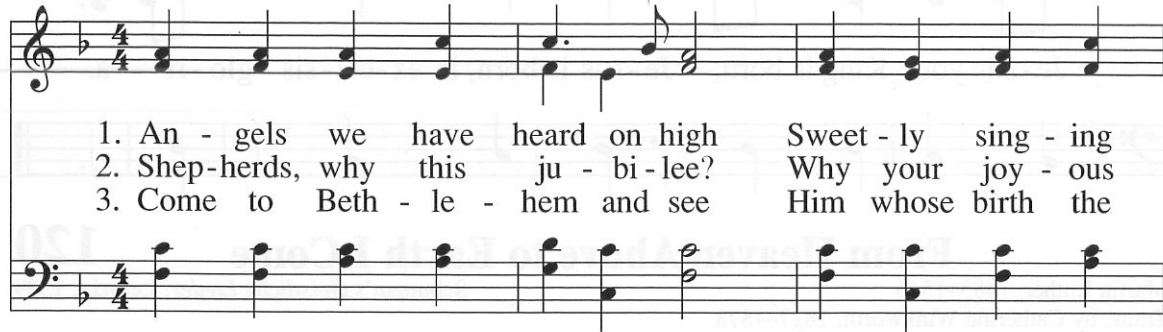
Notice the “Connection Cards” in the pews. They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

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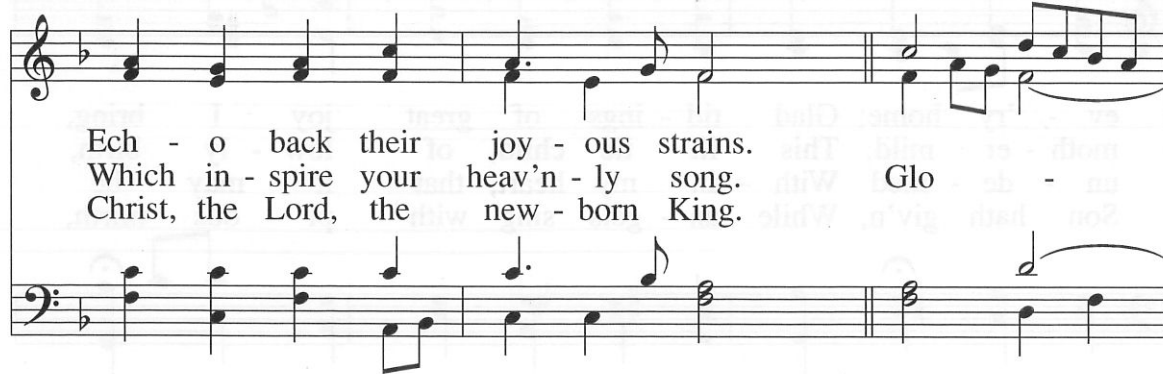
Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply
 strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be,
 an - gels sing; Come a - dore on bend - ed knee,



Ech - o back their joy - ous strains. Glo -
 Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song. -
 Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.



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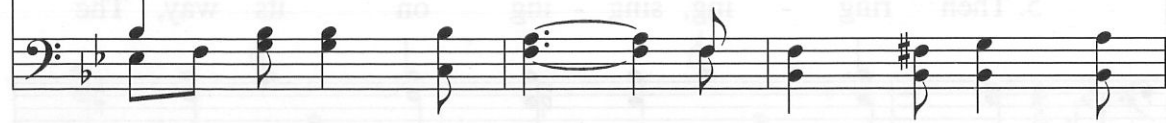
It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load Whose
4. For, lo, the days are has - t'ning on, By



glo - rious song of old, From an - gels bend - ing
peace - ful wings un - furled, And still their heav'n - ly
forms are bend - ing low, Who toil a - long the
proph - et bards fore - told, When with the ev - er -



near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace
mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world: A -
climb - ing way, With pain - ful steps and slow, Look
cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold; When



on the earth, good will to all From
bove its sad and low - ly plains They
now, for glad and gold - en hours Come
peace shall o - ver all the earth Its



heav'n's all gra - cious King"; The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - 'ring wing, And ev - er o'er its
 swift - ly on the wing; O rest be - side the
 an - cient splen - dors fling, And all the world send

still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song Which now the an - gels sing. A - men.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son,
our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he arose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one
Holy universal Christian Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.



GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory for ever. Amen.



DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings
flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



KYRIE

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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